

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 15, 2006 Selectmen Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Heath Higgins, Chris Eaton, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Beth Lawson, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Stewart Murphy.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 6:02 pm.

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman Scott Grierson was elected Chairman
Selectman Charlie Dillon was elected Vice Chairman

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Selectman Kathi Thurston apologized for the 8th Grade Representatives who were unable to attend the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MAY 8, 2006 MINUTES

Motion by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept the minutes of May 8th as written. Motion passed 4-0-1. Selectman Chris Eaton abstained – he was not yet a Selectman.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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| Warrant 131 | \$54,000.00 |
| Warrant 132 | 90,141.81 |

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked how complete the Seal Cove Fire Station was. Town Manager Millard Billings explained the siding was not done and E L Higgins had not billed \$1,500.00 to cover the siding.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to approve Warrants 131 and 132. Motion passed 4-0-1. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained – he is an employee of E L Higgins.

Selectman Charlie Dillon asked if interest earned on the \$75,000.00 construction loan could be used to pay over charges. Town Manager Millard Billings will check.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 8TH GRADE REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSS LOCAL TEEN CENTER

The 8th Grade Representatives will be rescheduled.

B. CEMETERY MOWING BIDS

Two bids were received:

Hazel Rich - \$21.00 per hour

Brian Devisme - \$28.00 per hour

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept Hazel Rich's proposal of \$21.00 per hour for Cemetery Mowing. Motion passed 4-0-1. Selectman Charlie Dillon abstained – Hazel Rich is his sister-in-law.

Town Manager Millard Billings explained to the Selectmen that Some Cemetery will be mowed by Hazel Rich. The Town is responsible for mowing the Veteran's and Trust lots and will either reimburse Some Cemetery or pay Hazel Rich directly.

C. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

The \$275,000.00 to complete the new town office was approved at town meeting. The bids for the concrete apron will go out soon. Once the apron is installed the paving "B" mix and then the loaming and seeding should be done as soon as possible.

The paving price is good for 2006. The project should be far enough along so that the finish mix could go down September or October. If the finish mix is not done until the following spring the bid price may not be guaranteed for 2007.

There has been a problem with someone spinning a vehicle around at the construction site. The Town Manager is hoping he has taken care of that.

The Selectmen asked to have the low bidder available next meeting to discuss the construction project. They also asked Town Manager Millard Billings to contact Greg Johnston, the project Engineer with CES, to make sure any of the cost saving items that are structural are acceptable.

D. REPORT ON F650 SPECS FOR PLOW & SANDER

Town Manager Millard Billings has received a quote from Bangor Truck Equipment (see attached).

E. REVIEW ADELPHIA CONTRACT

The Selectmen felt the public should attend the meeting when an Adelphia Representative will be present and asked Town Manager Millard Billings to arrange the meeting. Selectmen discussed citizens concerns about cable service.

The new town office needs will also be addressed as well as video capabilities and fiber optics in all town facilities.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Selectmen asked to have any overdrafts brought to their attention.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. SHERIFF WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING, MAY 22, 2006, TO DISCUSS:

1. Junkyard Violation at Donald Murphy's
2. Renewal of 2006-2007 Law Enforcement Contract
3. Mutual Aid Agreement between Tremont, Southwest Harbor and Mount Desert

B. WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER TOWN MEETING SOMEONE SPUN UP THE PARKING LOT AT THE NEW TOWN OFFICE SITE. SHOULD WE GET A VIDEO CAMERA AT THE GARAGE TO MONITOR THE CONSTRICTION SITE?

The solution may be at hand – more information will be presented at a later date.

C. OTHER

On May 9th Town Manager Millard Billings tried to contact William and Korel Roberge and discovered their phone had been disconnected. He has written a letter in the hope it will be forwarded to them by the Post Office (see attached). The Selectmen asked if the town could close on the property in fiscal year 2006 if the money was voted on the warrant for fiscal year 2007 at Town Meeting. Millard Billings to check with MMA or the Town Attorney.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Selectmen agreed that the Alewife situation should be investigated to see what the town can do to prevent the State from taking over the Alewife management.

10. OTHER

Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested a plaque in the new town office with the Boston Post Cane and its recipients.

Harbor Master Stewart Murphy asked the Selectmen to institute a temporary emergency parking ordinance in the upper wharf lot. Boat trailers are being left there for extended periods and anyone wishing to park a trailer there for the day are unable to. The Selectmen asked to have this placed on the May 22 Agenda for them to act on.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

May 22, 2006 at 6:00 pm

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Charlie Dillon

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton